

## About Asheville Female College.

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THERE are several questions which every young lady who is preparing to go off to school and every parent who is about to send a daughter away to be educated, would like to have plainly answered by the College authorities.

You will probably find the very questions which are most interesting to you at this season answered in the following statement:

1. What of the climate? We answer, without hesitation, that there is none like it anywhere where educational advantages may be also enjoyed. Our city has been celebrated for fifty years as a health resort in summer. Within the last ten years it has become even more famous as a winter resort. Thousands seek the winter climate of Asheville every year. With the recent addition of miles of superb pavements and a perfected sewerage system, the attractions are greater than ever before.

2. What kind of health record has the School? The School has been in operation for fifty years, and in that time, with pupils from all the climates of America, there has never been a death among boarding pupils from a disease originating here. The bills of the College physician for 1892-'93 amounted to only \$26.00.

3. What does it cost? Board, furnished room, lights, servant's attendance, with tuition in the Collegiate Course, \$200 per session. Extras are all reasonable. If you will write and state exactly what you want we will give an exact statement of the cost. Meanwhile we can safely state in general that the cost is less here in proportion to the consideration rendered in return than anywhere else within the range of our acquaintance. The School is designed, however,

to meet the demands of persons who have means with which to furnish their daughters with first-class opportunities and cannot, therefore, compete in simple price with schools of lower grade.

4. What are the special attractions of the School?

(1) The home life. There is within the College none of that cold isolation of pupils from the teachers and the family, which at that period of developing character, is so dwarfing to the social instincts of the pupil. We make for the young ladies a home, warm with the kindest personal interest in each, and brilliant with those social occasions best calculated to make the pupils happy and to prevent their falling into a constrained and awkward habit in society.

(2) The home itself is provided with every comfort. The rooms are for two pupils each, and are furnished in cherry and Brussels with all other needed conveniences. The entire building is heated by steam, which has been demonstrated to be the most healthful and agreeable kind of heating. The sanitary plumbing is of the most modern kind throughout, including porcelain lined bath tubs.

(3) The Physical Culture Course. A Gymnasium newly furnished with hundreds of dollars worth of the most approved apparatus, is one of the new attractions. In this work the young ladies and under the training of a lady of the highest qualifications, not only for directing the exercises but also for teaching them all physiological and health laws necessary for the perfection of their physiques. This provision cannot be too highly valued. Without this training in young womanhood there is no possibility of perfect health and complete beauty. Each pupil on entering the Physical Culture Course will be examined by the teacher as to physical peculiarities. Tests will be made by weight and measurements, and by the spirometer and stethoscope, when necessary, so that a training exactly suited to each person may be adopted. By this means, not only will proper exercise be secured, but all undue exertion will be avoided. The young ladies will, in their exercises, use a uniform consisting of a blouse and divided skirt. The young ladies of Asheville Female College thus have opportunities equal to those furnished to the young men in our best equipped colleges and training schools. Miss Mary Edwards, of Illinois, a graduate of Dr. Sar-

geant's School of Physical Culture and of Vassar College, will have charge of the Gymnasium and will teach Physiology. She will also give special attention to the direction of young ladies in the up-building and preserving of their health. Out-of-door amusements will consist of Lawn Tennis, Croquet, Foot-ball, Bicycle and Horse-back Riding if desired.

(4) The School of Music. Prof. Grabau (Conservatory of Leipsig) has charge of the Music Department, and teaches Piano and Organ. Prof. Grabau was for thirteen years teacher of music in the Nashville College for Young Ladies, where he stood at the head of the musical profession. Miss Bailey, the most celebrated young musician who has ever gone from America to the music centers of Germany, was taught by him, and by no other, up to the time of her entering the Leipsig Conservatory. Within one year she won the music prize over more than five hundred of the foremost young musicians in Germany; and she has since had accorded her such honors as no musician so young as she has ever received. Young ladies may, by paying ten dollars per term above the usual charge for music lessons, have the whole of their work under Prof. Grabau. The number, however, is limited, and application ought to be made early. There were many more applicants the past year than could get places. Young ladies who complete Prof. Grabau's course will receive a diploma in music.

Miss Mary Lee Leftwich, herself a singer of a very high order, will have charge of the department of voice culture. All the assistants are fine musicians.

Not least among the attractions of the School is the fact that it is located in Asheville, the most beautiful, aggressive and elegant young city in the South. Its climate, scenery, architectural beauty; its electric lights and railway, sewerage system, water works and delightful streets; its banking facilities, magnificent mercantile establishments, fine churches, and its solid, intelligent citizenship, reinforced by the presence, in both summer and winter, of thousands of visitors from the foremost families of the nation, make it a most delightful place for the devel-



opment of the intellect and tastes of the young. Hard by the city on one side is the Bingham School, so widely known through three generations; and on the other side is the far-famed Vanderbilt estate, which baffles description, and rivals in genuine magnificence the most renowned home places in the world. Every one who has seen it will grant that it is impossible to get a conception of its beauty, its splendor, except by seeing it. Visitors are allowed to enjoy its beauties, one view of which is worth a long journey to Asheville

By the courtesy and liberality of Mr. F. Stikeleather, the teachers and young ladies of the College enjoy an annual carriage drive to this resplendent mansion and through the estate.

We take pleasure in referring to all the young ladies whose names are in our annual catalogue and to their parents or guardians for testimony as to the comfort and happiness of the College household, and the faithfulness with which every pledge is fulfilled.

We shall be glad to send you a catalogue and personally communicate any further information you may desire in regard to the School. Catalogues will be promptly sent on application.

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